

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended)

1 A method of making a dispensing closure comprising
2 compression molding a charge of molten plastic to form a plastic closure
3 having a base wall and a peripheral skirt with internal means for securement to a container,
4 and forming an opening in said base wall of said plastic closure ~~during the compression~~
5 molding, and
6 compression molding a combined liner and nozzle on said plastic closure on
7 an underside of said base wall within said skirt.

2. (Original)

1 The method of making a dispensing closure set forth in claim 1 wherein the
2 step of forming said opening in said base wall comprises forming an integral transverse cull
3 on the base wall of the plastic closure during the compression molding of said plastic closure
4 and thereafter severing said cull to form said opening.

3. (Original)

1 The method of making a dispensing closure set forth in claim 2 wherein the
2 step of forming said opening comprises forming a thin integral web of plastic connecting said
3 cull to said base wall of said closure.

4. (Original)

1 The method set forth in claim 2 wherein the step of forming said cull
2 comprises forming a disk across said opening.

5. (Original)

1 The method set forth in claim 4 wherein the step of forming said disk
2 comprises forming a thin web of plastic at the juncture of said base wall and said disk
3 along which said disk may be severed.

6. (Original)

1 The method set forth in claim 2 wherein the step of forming said cull
2 comprises forming a base wall and an integral wall integrally connected with said
3 closure by a weakened line along which the cull is severed.

7. (Original)

1 The method set forth in claim 6 including forming said closure to a
2 configuration such that it can be utilized as an overcap.

8. (Currently Amended)

1 The method of making a dispensing closure set forth in claim 1 including
2 forming at least one slit in a nozzle portion of said combined liner and nozzle.

9. (Currently Amended)

1 The method of making a dispensing closure set forth in claim 8 wherein the
2 step of forming at least one slit in said nozzle portion comprises engaging said dispensing
3 closure, applying a force to the outer surface of said nozzle portion and moving a cutting tool
4 axially against the inner surface of said nozzle portion to cut said slit.

10. (Currently Amended)

1 The method of making a dispensing closure set forth in claim 1 wherein the
2 step of forming said combined liner and nozzle comprises forming ~~said a nozzle with a~~
3 portion extending through said opening.

11. (Currently Amended)

1 The method of making a dispensing closure set forth in claim 10 wherein the
2 step of compression molding said plastic closure comprises forming an axial projection
3 defining said opening, and wherein the step of said compression molding said combined liner
4 and nozzle comprises engaging said axial projection to define a cavity for said nozzle portion
5 during the compression molding.

12. (Original)

1 The method of making a dispensing closure set forth in claim 11 wherein the
2 step of compression molding of said plastic closure comprises forming a shoulder at the
3 junction of the inner surface of said base wall and said peripheral skirt, and engaging said
4 shoulder with a forming tool to close the cavity during compression molding of the combined
5 liner and nozzle.

13. (Currently Amended)

1 A method of making a closure comprising
2 molding a charge of molten plastic to form a plastic closure having a base wall
3 and a peripheral skirt with internal means for securement to a container, and forming an
4 opening in said base wall of said plastic closure ~~during the molding of said closure~~, and
5 compression molding a combined liner and nozzle on said plastic closure on
6 an underside of said base wall within said skirt.

14. (Original)

1 The method set forth in claim 13 wherein the step of forming said opening in
2 said base wall comprises forming an integral transverse cull on the base wall of the plastic
3 closure during the molding of said plastic closure and thereafter severing said cull to form
4 said opening.

15. (Original)

1 The method set forth in claim 14 wherein the step of forming said opening
2 comprises forming a thin integral web of plastic connecting said cull to said base wall of said
3 closure.

16. (Currently Amended)

1 The method set forth in claim ~~14~~ 13 wherein the step of molding said plastic
2 closure comprises forming an axial projection defining said opening, and thereafter
3 compression molding said combined liner and nozzle by engaging said axial projection to
4 define a cavity for said combined liner and nozzle during the compression molding.

17. (Currently Amended)

1 The method set forth in claim 16 wherein the step of molding of said plastic
2 closure comprises forming a shoulder at the juncture of the inner surface of said base wall
3 and said peripheral skirt, and engaging said shoulder with a forming tool to close the cavity
4 during the molding of the combined liner and nozzle.

18. (Original)

1 The method set forth in claim 14 wherein the step of forming said cull
2 comprises forming a disk across said opening.

19. (Original)

1 The method set forth in claim 18 wherein the step of forming said disk
2 comprises forming a thin web of plastic at the juncture of said base wall and disk along which
3 the disk may be severed.

20. (Original)

1 The method set forth in claim 14 wherein the step of forming said cull
2 comprises forming a base wall and an integral wall integrally connected with said closure by
3 a weakened line along which the cull is severed.

21. (Original)

1 The method set forth in claim 20 including forming said closure to a
2 configuration such that it can be utilized as an overcap.

22. (Currently Amended)

1 The method set forth in claim 13 including forming at least one slit in said
2 combined liner and nozzle.

23. (Original)

1 The method set forth in claim 13 wherein said closure is molded by
2 compression molding.

24. (New)

1 A method of making a closure comprising
2 forming a plastic closure having a base wall, a peripheral skirt with internal
3 means for securement to a container and an opening in said base wall, and
4 compression molding a combined liner and nozzle onto an underside of said
5 base wall within said skirt in such a way that said combined liner and nozzle has an annular
6 liner portion on said underside of said base wall and a nozzle portion within said opening.

25. (New)

1 The method set forth in claim 24 wherein the step of compression molding
2 said combined liner and nozzle is such that said nozzle portion extends through said
3 opening of said base wall.

26. (New)

1 The method set forth in claim 24 wherein the step of forming said plastic
2 closure comprises forming an axial projection defining said opening, and thereafter
3 compression molding said combined liner and nozzle by engaging said axial projection to
4 define a cavity for said combined liner and nozzle during the compression molding.

27. (New)

1 The method set forth in claim 25 wherein the step of forming said plastic
2 closure comprises forming a shoulder at the juncture of the inner surface of said base wall
3 and said peripheral skirt, and engaging said shoulder with a forming tool to close the cavity
4 during the molding of the combined liner and nozzle.

28. (New)

1 The method set forth in claim 24 wherein said closure is formed by
2 compression molding.